

Reply to Office Action dated June 19, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 46, 69, 79 and 85 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 46, 69, 79 and 85 are amended and claims 47-68, 70-78, 80-84 and 86-89 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Various amendments are made for clarity and are unrelated to issues of patentability.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and/or (3) place the application in better form for an appeal should an appeal be necessary. More specifically, the above amendment incorporates allowable subject matter into each of the independent claim so as to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, no further search and/or consideration is necessary. Entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 54, 57-68, 82-84 and 88-89 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, each of independent claims 46, 69, 79 and 85 are amended to include allowable subject matter of dependent claim 63.

It is respectfully submitted that U.S. Patent 6,741,862 to Chung and U.S. Patent 6,411,799 to Padovani do not teach or suggest all the features of each of independent claims 46, 69, 79 and 85. For at least the reasons set forth above, each of independent claims 46, 69, 79 and 85 defines patentable subject matter.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 46, 69, 79 and 85 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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